

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 19, 2005 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W135 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Margaret Dayton, House Chair
Sen. Patrice M. Arent
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. David L. Thomas
Rep. Ron Bigelow
Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Absent:

Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Dayton called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Rep. Shurtliff was excused from attending the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Hogue moved to approve the minutes of the September 21 and 29, 2005 meetings. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dougall, Rep. Ferrin, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

Supt. Patti Harrington, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, distributed an article, "Official suggests opting out of 'No Child' law," which indicated the Kansas State Board of Education is deciding whether it should opt out of the federal No Child Left Behind law. She said she would be meeting with Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, next Tuesday to discuss "No Child Left Behind."

2. Annual Reports

A. State School Fund

Mr. Edward T. Alter, State Treasurer, reviewed the "State School Fund Report Fiscal Year 2005," which was distributed to committee members in the mailing packet.

B. Utah College of Applied Technology

Mr. Darrell White, Interim President, and Mr. Jared Haines, Vice President, Utah College of Applied Technology, distributed and summarized the "Fourth Annual Report 2004 - 2005 Training Tomorrow's Workforce."

C. Applied Technology Education for Secondary Students

Ms. Mary Shumway, Career and Technical Education Director, Utah State Office of Education, reviewed the report, "Meeting the Needs of Utah's Secondary Students in Career and Technical Education," which was distributed to committee members in the mailing packet. She distributed a booklet, "Giving Students the Edge" which describes career and technical education programs in Utah's high schools and junior highs.

D. Proposed Exemptions from Statutes and Rules for Charter Schools

Mr. John Broberg, Charter Schools Director, Utah State Office of Education, distributed and reviewed a memorandum, "Charter School Waiver Requests," and noted the State Charter School Board had no proposals for exemptions from state law or rules for charter schools.

3. Innovative Practices of Charter Schools

Chair Dayton noted that legislation enacted in the 2005 General Session allows charter schools to report to the State Charter School Board their innovative practices that fulfill the purposes of charter schools as outlined in Utah law.

Representatives of charter schools made presentations on charter schools' innovative practices as follows:

Ms. Kim Frank, Coordinator, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, distributed its annual report, "Charter Schools in Utah Enhancing the Public Education System."

Ms. Sonia Woodbury, City Academy, defined and discussed innovative practices at City Academy.

Mr. Eric Lindsey, Founder and Director of Fast Forward High School in Logan and East Hollywood High School in Salt Lake City, discussed the schools' innovative film programs and results.

Ms. Marjorie Tuckett, AMES (Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science), distributed a packet of information on the school. She noted that AMES provides high school students opportunities to extend their knowledge beyond the typical high school curriculum especially into the fields of technology, math, science, and engineering. She invited three of her students, Ms. Kristina Grim, Ms. Emily Dishong, and Ms. Alejandrina Garcia to comment on the programs and opportunities at AMES.

Mr. Steven Whitehouse, CAO Timpanogos Academy, distributed a handout and made a presentation on the school. Mr. Errol Porter, Principal; Ms. Tressa Cannon, Teacher; Mr. Dallin Barton, CFO and Treasurer; Mr. Lynn Smith, Business Manager; Mr. Leanord Lee, General Contractor; assisted

Mr. Whitehouse with the presentation. Mr. Whitehouse highlighted the school's use of the Core Knowledge curriculum which is designed to avoid gaps in student learning.

Mr. Tim Bridgewater, Governor's Office, commented on the Core Knowledge curriculum that is being offered in charter schools. He suggested it is a program to look at for public schools because of the high level of academics.

4. Report of the Utah School Districts' Symposium on School Facilities

Mr. Larry Newton, School Finance Director, Mr. Larry Shumway, Federal and State Programs Coordinator, and Mr. John Broberg, Charter School Director, Utah State Office of Education, distributed and reviewed "Report of the Utah School Districts Symposium on School Facilities - Preliminary Draft October 18, 2005." Mr. Newton explained that the symposium held on September 20, 2005 focused on issues relating to enrollment growth and school facilities.

5. Report of Governor's Working Group on Student Achievement

This agenda item was not discussed.

6. Reading Requirements for Student Advancement

This agenda item was not discussed.

7. Other Items / Adjourn

Rep. Hogue distributed information showing test scores from the 2005 administration of the NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress), "U.S. Department of Education Conference Call: 2005 NAEP Scores."

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thomas, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Holdaway, and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote. Chair Dayton adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.